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United States Army Alaska Regulation 210-11

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Installations

Registration and Control of Animals

Summary. This regulation covering the management of animals residing on United States Army Alaska (USARAK) installations has been revised to reflect changes to unit and facility names. The major change concerns the number of pets that may be kept in family housing units.

Applicability. This regulation is applicable to all personnel residing on Army posts in Alaska.

Impact on the New Manning System. This regulation does not contain information that affects the New Manning system.

Supplementation. Supplementation of this regulation is prohibited without prior approval from the Veterinary Services Support District (VSSD) Alaska, Attention: MCVS-NWA.

Interim changes. Interim changes to this regulation are not official unless they are authenticated by the USARAK Signal Officer. Users will destroy interim changes on their expiration date unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

Suggested improvements. The proponent agency of this regulation is the VSSD. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on Department of the Army (DA) Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) directly to MCVS-NWA.

1. Purpose

This regulation establishes local policy and prescribes the procedures concerning the possession and control of animals kept on the Army installations in Alaska, as well as the measures necessary to protect the health and safety of personnel and animals.

2. References

a. Required references.

- (1) AR 40-905 (Veterinary Health Services). Cited in paragraphs 6a, 9a, and A-4.
- (2) USARAK Pamphlet 210-1 (Family Housing). Cited in paragraph 7a(7).
- (3) USARAK Regulation 40-1 (Zoonosis Control and Operation of Veterinary Facilities). Cited in paragraphs 7b and 9b(1).

b. Related references. A related reference is merely a source of additional information. The user does not have to read it to understand this regulation.

- (1) Army Regulation (AR) 40-1 (Composition, Mission, and Functions of the Army Medical Department).
- (2) United States Code, Title 18, Section 3401-3402.

***This regulation supersedes 6th Infantry Division (Light) Regulation 210-11, dated 31 May 1991.**

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(3) United States Code, Title 40, Section 291.

c. Referenced forms.

(a) DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms). Cited in the suggested improvements statement.

(b) Defense Department (DD) Form 2208 (Rabies Vaccination Certificate). Cited in paragraph 6a.

3. Abbreviations

- a. DA..... Department of the Army
- b. DD..... Defense Department
- c. USARAK United States Army Alaska
- d. VSSD Veterinary Services Support District
- e. VTF veterinary treatment facility

4. General

a. All animals brought onto or kept within the confines of Army posts under the jurisdiction of USARAK are included within the meaning of this directive. The privilege of keeping a privately owned animal while residing on these posts is dependent on the animal's continuing ability to live harmoniously within the military community and the military sponsor's continuing ability to control his/her pets. The commanding general, or her/his appointed representative at each post, may withdraw the privilege of keeping a privately owned animal when its continued presence constitutes a threat to the health or safety of personnel and/or other animals, where the animal is determined to be a public nuisance or when a military sponsor demonstrates the inability to control his/her pets.

b. To reduce the incidence of disease among domestic animals and to minimize the exposure of humans to zoonotic diseases, certain preventive measures are necessary. Recognized effective measures include registration, certain restrictions on ownership and maintenance, appropriate vaccinations and specific diagnostic tests, and treatment for communicable disease conditions.

5. Types and number of animals authorized

a. Privately owned domestic animals such as dogs, cats, small caged animals (birds, hamsters, guinea pigs, etc.), and fish are authorized to be kept on the military posts within the restrictions provided in this regulation.

b. Government-owned dogs, due to the nature of their duties, are exempted from the requirements of this regulation except as indicated.

c. Wild animals, i.e., skunks, raccoons, ferrets, ocelots, foxes, wolves or their hybrids, and exotic animals such as monkeys, snakes, and other wild animals normally restricted to zoo-type confinement, will not be kept on any Army installation in Alaska. For purposes of this regulation, a hybrid is defined as a cross between a domestic animal and a wild animal, regardless of wild animal parentage in the cross.

d. Any wolf-hybrid registered on an Army installation before 1 October 1990 may be kept. However, the owner must be aware that regardless of rabies vaccination status, a wolf-hybrid involved in a bite incident will be sacrificed and laboratory tested for rabies.

e. Livestock (domestic farm animals, i.e., poultry, rabbits, etc.) are not allowed to be kept on Army posts in Alaska.

f. Ownership or maintenance of more than two pets, including dogs, cats, birds, and small caged animals, in one family housing unit is prohibited—no exceptions. Litters of puppies or kittens, while not required to be registered when born, will be registered or disposed of by 60 days of age. Litters of small caged animals will be disposed of by 60 days of age.

g. Personnel residing in bachelor officers' quarters/bachelor enlisted quarters may keep a pet in their room providing the animal is kept in a clean, sanitary manner and does not create a nuisance to other residents in the building. Pets kept in bachelor officers' quarters/bachelor enlisted quarters are not allowed access to common-use rooms such as kitchens or lounges. No more than one pet will be permitted per occupant of a bachelor officers' quarters/bachelor enlisted quarters. No pets will be kept in troop billets.

h. Animals, other than guide dogs for the blind or deaf, are not authorized to be kept in transient billets or guest houses. A list of available commercial boarding kennels will be posted in the Billeting Office for referral to guests who are required to board their animals while residing in transient quarters.

i. The breeding or raising of animals for commercial (profit-making) purposes is expressly prohibited. "Commercial raising" is defined as more than one litter per family unit per year.

j. Personnel who currently have authorization for more than two pets are grandfathered for 2 years from the publication date of this regulation. Extensions must comply with the two pet policy.

6. Registration of animals

a. All dogs, cats, and other animal pets (except small caged birds, mammals, and fish) that are kept in government quarters will be registered at the installation veterinary treatment facility (VTF) within 5 days after arrival on the post. A written certification of required vaccinations for dogs and cats, as indicated in appendix A, will be presented at the time of registration, or an appointment made with the VTF to have the required vaccinations administered before registration. Special registration requirements for unusual animals and birds will be determined by the Installation Veterinarian per AR 40-905. The registration of dogs and cats will be recorded on Defense Department (DD) Form 2208 (Rabies Vaccination Certificate) in triplicate; the original copy given to the owner, one copy filed in the registration file, and one copy retained in the animal's health file. A rabies vaccination tag will be provided to the owner and will be attached to the animal's collar, which will be worn at all times when the animal is outside the owner's quarters.

b. All animals will be registered annually, at the time they receive their annual vaccinations.

c. When a change of ownership occurs, due to an animal registered at the VTF being sold or given away, the original owner will be held responsible until the registration tag is returned to the VTF. If the animal remains on post, the new owner must re-register the animal according to this regulation.

d. Transient animals.

(1) Authorized sponsors of animal shows, field trials, and other activities involving bringing transient animals onto a post will notify the Installation Veterinarian 30 days before the event of the estimated number of animals to be brought onto the post. If considered necessary to protect the welfare of the post, transient animals may be required to be accompanied with written certification of all vaccinations and tests required by appendix A, as well as a certificate of health signed by a veterinarian not more than 10 days before entry, indicating the animal is free of signs of communicable disease. When there is a question about the health of a transient animal, the veterinary officer will be notified and he/she shall have the authority to deny entry or cause removal from the post of any animal determined to be a threat to the health or safety of persons or other animals on the post.

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(2) Animals belonging to guests of military personnel on the reservations are the responsibility of the sponsor of the guest, and the sponsor shall ensure that the animal is not a threat to the health or safety of other persons or animals on the post.

7. Responsibilities of animal owners

a. Owners of animals kept in housing areas on Army posts in Alaska are responsible for the actions of their animals, and will ensure that the following control measures are taken:

(1) All animals will be controlled at all times by their owners to prevent them from becoming a nuisance or menace to other persons, animals, or property on the post. A "nuisance" is defined as that which causes trouble, annoyance (prolonged barking or howling), or damage to private or public property. All animals will be controlled to prevent them from biting or causing injury to people or other animals.

(2) Animals will not be permitted to run at large. When outside, the animals shall be kept on leash by a mature, responsible individual who is able to control the actions of the animal. An exception to the leashing of an animal while outside is where the animal is tethered per paragraph (6) below.

(3) While an animal is outside, it will be controlled to prevent it from damaging property. The owner is responsible for daily cleaning up of any wastes deposited by the owner's animal. The pet owner shall keep pet housing (including pens and yards where animals are kept) and adjacent areas in a clean, sanitary condition and free from objectionable odors.

(4) Common-use areas, such as tennis courts, golf courses, swimming pool enclosures, playgrounds, athletic fields, and schoolyards are OFF LIMITS to animals at all times. Animals are not permitted in public buildings except for those facilities designed for their use or care. In addition, animals will be controlled to prevent interference with official reviews, ceremonies, or parades. In the case of seeing eye dogs, an exception will be made for these areas, as authorized by Congress. United States Code, Title 40, Section 291, allows seeing eye dogs to go anywhere their owners are authorized, so long as they are under control.

(5) Female animals will be kept in isolation inside the owner's quarters during their heat period, in a way that prevents attracting male animals.

(6) Pets will be kept indoors, or may be secured outside on the owner's assigned premises with a tether or chain no more than 15 feet long or by fencing that meets the specifications of the Directorate of Public Works. Pets will be tethered or fenced to prevent them from encroaching upon common-use sidewalks, service entrances to buildings, or from impeding or interfering with official work projects of any nature or the delivery of the United States mail.

(7) Outdoor pet housing will conform to the design criteria furnished in USARAK Pamphlet 210-1 and can only be erected upon the recommendation of the Housing Office and with the approval of the appropriate Post Commander. These outdoor houses will be portable, removable by owners when clearing quarters and will be constructed to not detract from the surroundings nor to interfere with access to common-use areas. The severe winter temperatures in Alaska prevent any year-round pet outdoor housing, except in specific circumstances where the pet housing is evaluated by the Installation Veterinarian and is determined to be adequate for a particular animal breed. Pets will not be tethered to any part of the building, including electrical services, water faucets, and porch railings.

(8) Compliance with all sanitary regulations and the necessary maintenance of areas where an animal is kept are mandatory, and the direct responsibility of the owner. Personnel owning or keeping animals on a post are responsible for all damages to government or private property caused by their pets.

(9) The privilege of keeping a pet animal on an Army post in Alaska carries with it the owner responsibilities of providing for the animal's proper care, providing adequate food and water (available at

all times) and to ensuring proper disposition of the animal when the owner departs a post on permanent or temporary change of station. Proper disposition of an animal is removing the animal from the post, finding a new home for the animal or turning the animal over to the VTF or the local community humane shelter for final disposition. Personnel who have animals registered on a post and are leaving post permanently, will clear through the VTF and will receive the health records of their animals then.

(10) The hours between 2200 and 0600 are designated as quiet hours, and animals will not be allowed outdoors unattended during this period unless the owners have been granted specific authority from the Post Commander to house their animals outdoors. Dogs or cats will never be allowed to create a neighborhood disturbance during this time period.

(11) Pet owners who wish their dogs to remain outside on a continual basis must have their pet examined by the Installation Veterinarian and be issued a winter health certificate. The policy of quiet hours (see para 10 above) will remain in affect. The following temperature ranges will be used in monitoring a dog's ability to stay outside during the Alaskan winter.

(a) Northern breeds, such as malamutes and huskies, that have thick coats may stay outside until 20 degrees below Fahrenheit, including the wind chill factor.

(b) Medium-haired breeds, such as labs, chows, and German shepherds, may stay outside until 0 degrees Fahrenheit, including the wind chill factor.

(c) Short-haired and toy breed dogs can be outside until 32 degrees Fahrenheit, including the wind chill factor.

(d) Health certificates are valid for 1 year from issue date.

b. In the event of a disease outbreak on or in the vicinity of an Army installation in Alaska, all animal owners will abide by the quarantine procedures required by USARAK Regulation 40-1, as well as those recommended by the Commander, VSSD Alaska and approved by this headquarters. Animals will be vaccinated as indicated in appendix A.

8. Disposition of deceased animals

a. Owners are responsible for ensuring disposal of deceased animals. Deceased pets may be brought to the VTF for disposal.

b. Report any animals (domestic or wild) found dead on an Army post (including roads) to Directorate of Public Works, Roads and Grounds Division, who will deliver the remains to the VTF for a disposition determination.

c. Animals dying on Army posts in Alaska are subject to a necropsy by a veterinary officer when, in his/her professional judgment, it is deemed necessary.

d. Deliver animals that have bitten or scratched a person, and subsequently die before the 10-day quarantine period is over, promptly delivered to the VTF to begin laboratory proceedings for rabies examination.

9. Actions concerning violations

a. Loose or stray animals.

(1) The Military Police will apprehend and impound, at the VTF, any animal found or reported running loose on any installation, and will report this violation, with identification of owner if possible, to the

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respective Post Commander. Once an animal has been picked up by the Military Police, it cannot be released to its owner until the requirements specified in paragraph a(3) below have been met.

(2) Veterinary personnel will keep impounded animals in the VTF and attempt to identify the owner. If the ownership cannot be established due to lack of registration tags, the animal will be kept for 3 working days, and if not claimed within that period, the animal will be disposed of per AR 40-905.

(3) The owner may obtain the release of an animal that has been impounded as a stray by obtaining an informal memorandum, subject: Release of Impounded Animal (see app B), from the Area Coordinators Office at Fort Richardson, the Provost Marshal Office at Fort Wainwright, or the Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities at Fort Greely. Present the informal memorandum to the VTF, pay a \$15.00 administrative fee, a \$5.00 per day impoundment fee and all veterinary medical cost associated with the animal while it was impounded.

(4) Should an animal be impounded a second time for running loose on a post, in addition to the procedures above, the appropriate Post Commander will send a letter of warning to the owner requiring a reply, showing the owner's justification for being allowed to retain this animal on the installation. This reply will be routed through the office of the appropriate Provost Marshal to the appropriate Post Commander.

(5) If an animal has been permitted to remain on the post after the second impoundment, and is then impounded a third time, the owner will be notified in writing by the appropriate Post Commander that the animal will be removed from the post within 24 hours of receipt of the notification. Copies of the notification will be sent to the Director of Personnel and Community Activities, Post Services; the appropriate Provost Marshal; and to the individual's unit commander. At the discretion of the Installation Veterinarian, the animal can be retained in the VTF at the owner's expense until arrangements can be made for the animal's permanent removal from post. The animals will be released to the owner after the impound charges are paid. The maximum time an animal can be impounded in the VTF is 3 working days. The animal will never be allowed to be returned to any of the Army posts covered by this regulation.

(6) When an animal that is collected as a stray on a post by the Military Police and is presented at the VTF seriously ill or injured and the owner cannot be identified or contacted, the veterinary officer is authorized to provide the necessary veterinary care per AR 40-905.

b. Incidents involving animal bites.

(1) The owner of an animal that has been identified as the mammal that bit or scratched a person will fully comply with the quarantine procedures established for such incidents in USARAK Regulation 40-1.

(2) The Military Police will collect and impound any animal being kept on an Army post in Alaska that has been involved in a biting/scratching incident upon request from the medical treatment facility or Installation Veterinarian. In addition, the Military Police will impound an animal upon request of the veterinary officer in cases where the owner has not complied with established quarantine procedures.

(3) The Military Police will investigate the circumstances in cases where there is question about whether or not the bite was provoked, and will report their findings to the veterinary officer. A copy of the report will be forwarded to the appropriate Post Commander.

(a) Dogs and cats kept on post that are determined to have bitten an individual without evidence of provocation, will be placed in quarantine under the control of the VTF for a 10-day period.

(b) Where an investigation reveals that an animal has been repeatedly teased or antagonized by an individual, and proper control measures have been taken by the owner per paragraph 6a(6), the investigator will indicate so on the Military Police report. Animal owners may lodge a complaint with the Provost Marshal Office in cases where an individual continually teases their pet. The Provost Marshal will follow through with the investigation.

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(4) The second time during a 12-consecutive month period that an animal is involved in a biting incident, whether provoked or unprovoked, the animal will be removed from the post within 24 hours following the 10-day quarantine period, unless a waiver is granted, in writing, by the respective Post Commander and a copy is filed with the animal's health records at the VTF.

c. Animals that are a nuisance, menace, abused, or neglected.

(1) All complaints concerning animal nuisance, menace, abuse, neglect, or where an animal is not controlled by its owner, as required in paragraph 6, will be submitted to the Provost Marshal Office.

(2) The Installation Veterinarian will investigate all complaints of animal abuse and neglect, and if the complaints have justification, will submit a report through the appropriate Post Commander to the animal owner's commander.

(3) A letter of warning will be sent to the owner of the animal named in a justified complaint of abuse, neglect, nuisance, and/or menace by his/her commander, requiring a reply from the owner as to corrective action taken. Upon a second justified complaint involving the same animal, the owner will be directed to remove the animal from the post within 24 hours of receipt of that notification.

(4) Animal abandonment, the most common form of abuse and the most cruel, will not be tolerated. Unwanted animals may be brought to the VTF if efforts to sell or adopt fail.

d. Personnel who observe an animal showing unusual or threatening behavior will notify the Military Police, who will take immediate steps to apprehend and impound the animal at the VTF. Such animals will not be killed unless they cannot be safely captured alive. If it is necessary to kill such animals, care will be taken not to destroy or injure the head, and the carcass will be delivered immediately to the VTF. (This does not apply to military dogs, the nature of whose duties require this behavior.)

e. Violations of the provisions of this regulation provide a basis for disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice for personnel subject to its provisions.

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Appendix A

Vaccination Requirements for Dogs, Cats, Impounded, and Other Animals

A-1. Dogs

a. All dogs will be vaccinated for rabies according to the following schedule using a 3-year vaccine listed in the most recent American Veterinary Medical Association Compendium on Rabies.

(1) The initial rabies vaccination will be given between 3 and 4 months of age or as determined by the veterinary officer for animals under or over this age.

(2) A dog vaccinated initially for rabies under 1 year of age will be revaccinated in 1 year.

(3) Adult dogs residing on an Army post in Alaska are required to be vaccinated for rabies every 3 years per State of Alaska laws.

(4) Dogs residing off post will be vaccinated upon request by eligible owners based on state and local requirements.

b. Canine distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, corona, parvo, and parainfluenza.

(1) A puppy will receive the initial vaccinations for these diseases on an individual schedule determined by the Installation Veterinarian.

(2) Every dog residing on an Army post in Alaska will be vaccinated for distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, parvo, and parainfluenza and will be revaccinated for these diseases on an annual basis.

A-2. Cats

a. All cats will be vaccinated for rabies according to the following schedule using a 3-year rabies vaccine listed in the most recent American Veterinary Medical Association Compendium on Rabies.

(1) The initial rabies vaccination will be given between 3 and 4 months of age or as determined by the veterinary officer for animals under or over this age.

(2) A cat vaccinated initially for rabies under 1 year of age will be revaccinated in 1 year.

(3) Adult cats residing on an Army installation in Alaska are required to be vaccinated for rabies every 3 years per State of Alaska laws.

(4) Cats residing off post will be vaccinated upon request by eligible owners based on state and local requirements.

b. Feline infectious diseases panleucopenia, pneumonitis, chlamydia, and rhinotrachetis.

(1) A kitten will receive the initial vaccination for these diseases on an individual schedule determined by the veterinary officer.

(2) Every cat residing on an Army installation in Alaska will be vaccinated for panleucopenia, pneumonitis, and rhinotrachetis and will be revaccinated for these diseases on an annual basis.

c. All cats should be tested for leukemia and a vaccination is recommended.

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A-3. Impounded animals

Animals impounded as strays or rabies suspects at the VTF will be subject to those vaccinations considered necessary by the responsible veterinary officer.

A-4. Other animals

All other mammalian pets authorized to be kept on Army posts in Alaska will be vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian against rabies and any other disease for which vaccine is available, as determined by the Commander, VSSD Alaska and AR 40-905. Even though other mammalian pets may be vaccinated against rabies, official recognition of such vaccinations will not be made unless the vaccine used is specifically cleared for use in that species.

Appendix B
Sample Informal Memorandum for the Release of Impounded Animals

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MEMORANDUM FOR Installation Veterinarian, (Installation)

SUBJECT: Release of Impounded Animal

1. Release the following described animal, currently impounded in the Veterinary Treatment Facility to

(Name) _____ (Address) _____

a. Species: _____

b. Breed: _____

c. Sex: _____

d. Color: _____

e. Age: _____.

f. Tag number _____

2. Owner is aware that future violations may result in denial for this animal to reside on any United States installation in Alaska.

3. Owner has been given the opportunity to become familiar with the requirements of USARAK Regulation 210-11.

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Figure B-1. Release of impounded animals